speculative forces that arise from regional and seasonalsupply and demand gaps. Tha formation of a National Oil Grid involves three major elements: (i) creation of storage capacity at strategic locations; (ii) establishing a national network of packaging stations; and (iii) developing an economical transport system to move oilseeds and oil from surplus to deficit zones.

Urban Rent Control and Tenancy Acts

181. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that urban rent control and tenancy acts are too much biased to favour of the tenants and as a result thereof a high percentage of housing units continue to b kept vacant and lia unused;

(b) if so, the corrective steps proposed to be taken and whether any exercise towards rationalisation of these laws has been made/is processed to be made in respect of Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras and other metropolises; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). The Government is aware of the adverse effect of rent control legislation on the increased supply of rental housing. Rent control is a State subject and States are fully competent to enact suitable legislation to control various aspects of rental housing. The Central Govt. is formulating a model Rent Control Bill for adoption by different States with appropriate changes to suit local conditions.

Launching of Dehoarding Drive

182. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL:
SHRI GOVIND CHANDRA MUNDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a dehoarding drive was launched in Delhi in October this year;

(b) if so, the number of raids made in connection with the drive; and

(c) the details of the commodities unearthed and dehoarded as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b). During October, 1991, 147 raids were conducted by the Enforcement/Anti-Hoarding Branch of the Food Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department of Delhi Administration.

(c) The following commodities were unearthed as a result of these raids:-

i) Wheat	221.63 Qtls
ii) Rice	8.75 Qtls.
iii) Kerosene Oil	1202 litres.

Besides these, two tankers with 16,000 liters of Kerosene Oil/M.T.O were also apprehended.

[*Translation*]

Recommendation of Committee of N.C.R

183. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recommendations of Committee of National Capital Region in regard to the proposed magnet towns of Delhi have been received;

(b) if so, the details of towns which have been decided to be converted into Magnet towns on the recommendations of the Committee;

(c) if not, the time by which the Government propose to decide the names of Magnet towns;

(d) whether the recommendations of State Governments have also been sought before finalising the names of towns for conversions into Magnet towns; and

(e) if so, the names of towns in Uttar Pradesh which have been recommended by the State Government to be declared as magnet towns?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (e). The National Capital Region Planning Board in consultation with the concerned State Governments has identified the following counter-magnet towns to be developed in order to achieve the objectives of the Regional Plan - NCR-2001:

Name of Town	*Name of State*
1. Bareilly	Uttar Pradesh
2. Gwalior	Madhya Pradesh
3. Hissar	Haryana
4. Kota	Rajasthan
5. Patiala	Punjab

Funds for Rural Transport System

184. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme under consideration of the Government to provide financial assistance to the State Government or the District Rural Development Agencies for laying of approach roads connecting the main roads with the villages under Jawahar Rozgar Yojna or any other scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps being taken to make the rural transport cheap and accessible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) to (c). The development/construction of rural roads from part of the Minimum Needs Programme in the State/Union Territory and outlays for this programme are provided in the Plans of the respective State/Union Territory. Under Jawahar Rozgar Yojna construction of roads is an admissible item and Gram Panchayats can take up construction of roads as per their priority and availability of funds.

[English]

Distribution of Waste Land to the Landless Poor in the States

185. SHRI SHARAD DIGHE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have asked the State Governments to distribute Government waste land to the landless poor to ameliorate their lot; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made so far in this respect, State-wise?